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Mr. Richard Kleindienst
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Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Kleindienst:

As you know, one of the most important matters considered by the Warren Commission was the extent to which various federal law enforcement agencies knew of the activities of Lee Harvey Oswald before the assassination of President Kennedy.

In the course of its inquiry in this regard, the Commission obtained from each of the agencies concerned a great deal of information. In the case of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of State, the Office of Naval Intelligence, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Commission was furnished with what was said to be the entire contents of any files maintained by each of these agencies on Oswald prior to November 22, 1963.

The FBI was generally cooperative in furnishing its formal reports on Oswald, and in responding by letter or memorandum to certain questions that arose from time to time. However, as far as I know, the Commission never asked the FBI to provide all of its pre-assassination files relating to Oswald.

I believe that the data available to the public and to historians in this area with respect to the FBI should be as comprehensive as that which was furnished to the Commission by the other federal agencies concerned. Therefore, under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting access to all FBI files on Oswald through November 22, 1963, whether maintained at headquarters or at any field office. This should include all material in FBI files dealing with Oswald in any way which was not furnished to the Commission (as well as that furnished but presently withheld), including internal memoranda, teletypes and other instructions or communications between FBI activities, internal surveillance reports on any surveillance conducted involving Oswald, internal mail cover reports on Oswald, and the like. To the extent feasible, I intend this request to include access to any other FBI data on or relating to Oswald not contained in his files, as, for example, extracts from the logs of the daily activities of those agents who had any contact with Oswald if such entries are not a part of the Oswald files.

I recognize that a small part of the information requested in this letter might properly be withheld at this time, for example to protect the identity of named sources. In such cases, I feel that the public interest could be served if the material were released with deletions and the complete records were placed in the National Archives, subject to the same restrictions as the files of the Warren Commission. As you know, on October 31, 1966, the Attorney General stated that "I have determined that the national interest requires the entire body of evidence considered by the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy and now in the possession of the United States to be preserved intact." (31 Fed. Reg. 13968)

You have called for a Congressional investigation to clear the air concerning recent charges about FBI activities. May I respectfully suggest that you act to achieve a similar goal in connection with the serious charges and questions that have been raised concerning the FBI's handling of the Oswald case, by allowing maximum disclosure of the requested records?

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I note that this request includes some items which I have previously asked for (in my letter of last December 9, among others). If this request is denied, I expect to continue to ask for individual items of special importance.

In the past, you have sometimes claimed that such records can be withheld under the "investigative files" exemption to the Freedom of Information Act; as you know, I disagree with this interpretation. However, if that is still your position, I am looking forward to a prompt reply. I have received no response at all to my requests of December 9, or to my reminder, addressed to Mr. Rolapp on March 8. May I therefore ask for an immediate acknowledgement of this letter, and your assurances that my requests are not being especially delayed?

Sincerely yours,

Paul L. Hoch

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REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO OFFICIAL RECORD
UNDER 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 28 CFR PART 16

See instructions for payment and delivery of this form at bottom of page

NAME OF REQUESTER: Paul L. Hoch	ADDRESS (street, city, state and zip code): 1735 Highland Place, Apt. 25, Berkeley, Ca. 94709
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DESCRIPTION OF RECORD REQUESTED (Include any information which may be helpful in locating record)

All FBI records relating to Lee Harvey Oswald which were created before November 22, 1963. Please see my letter of this date to Mr. Kleindienst for further specifications and details.

LITIGATION: DOES THIS REQUEST RELATE TO A MATTER IN PENDING OR PROSPECTIVE LITIGATION? ☐ YES ☒ NO

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